

ABSTRACT
SUMMARY

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The object of the present invention is to provide a cutting tool consisting of fine grain CBN free from a binder and having a grain size of at most $1 \mu\text{m}$ and having a high hardness, high strength and excellent heat resistance. The feature thereof consists in a cutting tool comprising, as an edge part, a cubic boron nitride sintered compact containing cubic boron nitride having an average grain diameter of at most $1 \mu\text{m}$, in which the cubic boron nitride sintered compact has, at the said edge part, an $I_{(220)} / I_{(111)}$ of (220) diffraction intensity ($I_{(220)}$) to (111) diffraction intensity ($I_{(111)}$) ratio of at least 0.05 in X-ray diffraction of arbitrary direction and impurities are substantially not contained in the grain boundaries.

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